

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Subject to the Examiner's approval, please substitute FIG. 3 and FIG. 5 with the attached substitute FIG. 3 and FIG. 5.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 1-6 and 12-16 were pending in the application, of which Claims 1 and 14 are independent. In the Final Office Action dated April 6, 2009, Claims 12 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Claims 1-3, 12, and 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and Claims 4-6, 13, and 16 were objected to, but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Following this response, Claims 1-3, 5-6, and 12-15 remain in this application with Claims 4 and 16 being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants hereby address the Examiner's rejections in turn.

I. Change to Attorney Docket Number

Please note that the Attorney Docket Number for this application is now **60374.0024USC1/A-9885**.

II. Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended, and Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment adds no new matter.

III. Objection to the Drawings

In the Final Office Action dated April 6, 2009, the Examiner objected to the drawings. Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is proposed to substitute FIG. 3 and FIG. 5 with the attached substitute FIG. 3 and FIG. 5. Applicants respectfully submit that substitute FIG. 3 and FIG. 5 overcome this objection and add no new matter.

IV. Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art, at the time the application was filed, that the inventor had possession of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that a single wire return device (SWRD) is recited at least in Claim 7 as originally filed. Consequently, the subject matter of Claims 12 and 15 was described in the specification in such a way to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art, at the time the application was filed that the inventor had possession of the claimed invention.

V. Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 12, and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowed Claim 4 and Claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowed Claim 16. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments overcome this rejection and

add no new matter. Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 14 are distinguishable over the cited art, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection of Claims 1 and 14.

Dependent Claims 2-3, 5-6, 12-13, and 15 are also allowable at least for the reasons described above regarding independent Claims 1 and 14, and by virtue of their dependency upon independent Claims 1 and 14. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection of dependent Claims 2-3, 5-6, 12-13, and 15.

VI. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment After Final be entered by the Examiner, placing the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed amendments of the claims do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Finally, Applicants respectfully submit that the entry of the Amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the entry of

this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims, as amended, are patentable over the cited references. The preceding arguments are based only on the arguments in the Official Action, and therefore do not address patentable aspects of the invention that were not addressed by the Examiner in the Official Action. The claims may include other elements that are not shown, taught, or suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the preceding argument in favor of patentability is advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability. Furthermore, the Final Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Final Office Action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,
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